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News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In March, 2002, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued **two (2) recalls and one (1) safety advisory relating to products affecting children.** Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past month.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128 and then press "zero" (0) to speak with Product Safety.** You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the three "KIDS" recalls and advisories by title and identification number:

- ❖ Rose Art is recalling Children's Soap Making Kit. #02-121
- ❖ Lifetime Products Inc. & Escalade Sports is recalling Portable Basketball Hoops for Repair. #02-129
- ❖ New National Poison Prevention Hotline Accessed. #02-118

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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Release Number: 02-121 Rose Art Industries Inc., of Livingston, N.J., is voluntarily recalling about 124,400 Soap Making Kits. The soap making kit is sold in a cardboard box with model number 4054 or a plastic case with model number 4121 on the packaging. The model number is located on the upper right hand corner on the front of the packaging. Each kit includes bars of soap, molds, and a plastic cup to melt soap chunks. Toy and discount stores, including Toys R Us, Wal Mart, Kaybee Toys, Target and Value City, sold these kits nationwide between August 1997 through December 2001 for about \$10.

Problem: The soap may get too hot when heated in the microwave oven and leak from the plastic container posing a burn hazard to children.

What to do: Consumers should stop using these kits immediately and contact Rose Art at (800) 272-9667 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's web site at www.roseart.com for information on how to receive a full refund and an additional Rose Art product item at no charge.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02121.html>

Release Number: 02-0129 Lifetime Products Inc., of Clearfield, Utah, and Escalade Sports, of Evansville, Ind. are voluntarily recalling about 1.7 million portable basketball hoops. There are about 1.7 million Lifetime portable basketball hoops and about 16,000 Escalade Sports

basketball hoops being recalled. All Lifetime portable basketball system models, except the "Quick Court" are included in the recall. The Escalade Sports basketball hoop models included in the recall are the Harvard, The Big Easy, B3100, B3301, B3302, B3303, B3304, B3305, B3306, B3403, B3500, Spalding, The Big Easy B3402 and Apex B9995, Mini Court, Alley Court. These portable basketball hoops come unassembled with a flat plastic base that is weighted down by either sand or water that is added during assembly. The basketball poles are made of black metal. The brand names or model names may appear on the backboard, main pole or the flat plastic base of the basketball hoops. Sporting good, department and toy stores including Wal-Mart, Kmart, Target and Toys R Us nationwide sold the Lifetime basketball hoops between January 1994 and July 2000 and the Escalade Sports basketball hoops between March 1994 and December 2001 for between \$80 and \$500.

Problem: The basketball hoops may have a sharp protruding bolt on the players' side of the pole that can cause serious leg or body lacerations to consumers when the bolt is exposed.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the basketball hoops immediately and contact Lifetime Products or Escalade Sports to receive free cap nuts to cover the bolts. Consumers should call and get a cap nut regardless of whether their bolt protrudes or not. Consumers can contact Lifetime Products Inc. at (800) 225-3865 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. MT or 9 a.m and 6 p.m CT Monday through Friday or the firm's web site at www.lifetime.com. Escalade Sports can be reached at (800) 467-1397 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or the firm's web site at www.escaladesports.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02129.html>

Release Number: 02-118 During a news conference to launch National Poison Prevention Week, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), the American Association of Poison Control Centers, and the Poison Prevention Week Council reported on the performance of the new national toll-free telephone number for poison control centers. The new number, (800) 222-1222, was launched on January 30, 2002. For the first time, this new number provides everyone in the U.S. with free access - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - to their regional poison center. In just the first full month of operation, the toll-free number received 44,000 calls about potential poisonings.

Experts emphasize three ways to reduce deaths and injuries from poisonings:

- (1) Keep medicines and household chemicals locked up, out of reach, and out of sight of young children at all times;
- (2) Use child-resistant packaging because it saves lives; and
- (3) Call (800) 222-1222 to get immediate treatment advice for poison emergencies.

National Poison Prevention Week is a time to emphasize the responsibility that parents, grandparents, and other caregivers have in preventing these tragedies. Adults everywhere need to remember that it can only take an instant for a poisoning to occur when children are able to reach household chemicals and medicines.

Child-resistant packaging is not child-proof. If a young child swallows a medicine or chemical, parents must call the poison control center immediately.

Here are the basic poison prevention tips that every person should check during National Poison Prevention Week:

- (1) Keep all chemicals and medicines locked up and out of sight.
- (2) Use child-resistant packaging properly by closing the container securely after each use or choosing child-resistant blister cards, which do not need to be re-secured.
- (3) Call (800) 222-1222 immediately in case of poisoning. Keep on hand a bottle of ipecac syrup but use it only if the poison center instructs you to induce vomiting.
- (4) When products are in use, never let young children out of your sight, even if you must take them along when answering the phone or doorbell.
- (5) Keep items in original containers.
- (6) Leave the original labels on all products, and read the label before using.
- (7) Do not put decorative lamps and candles that contain lamp oil where children can reach them. Lamp oil can be very toxic if ingested by young children.
- (8) Always leave the light on when giving or taking medicine. Check the dosage every time.
- (9) Avoid taking medicine in front of children. Refer to medicine as "medicine," not "candy."
- (10) Clean out the medicine cabinet periodically and safely dispose of unneeded and outdated medicines.

To get a free packet of poison prevention publications, write to "Poison Prevention Packet," CPSC, Washington, DC 20207, or visit www.poisonprevention.org.

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02118.html>

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